

Application No. 09/385,597
Amendment dated July 12, 2004
Reply to Office Action of January 14, 2004

Remarks

Claims 9-16 and 38-64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,410,141 to Koenck et al. (Koenck). Applicants cancel claims 9-16 and 38-64, thus removing the rejections of claims 9-16 and 38-64. The cancellation of claims 9-16 and 38-64 will not be taken as an admission that the applicants concur that the Examiner has adequately demonstrated that claims 9-16, and 36-64 are anticipated by Koenck.

Applicants add claims 65-96 which are believed to recite combinations of elements not disclosed or suggested by the prior art including prior art of the newly submitted references. The newly submitted references could have been submitted earlier had a more intensive search and investigation been conducted earlier in the prosecution.

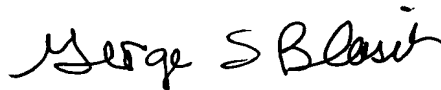
Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe all of the claims of the present application to be in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and passage to allowance of the application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0289.

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